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#### LEGISLATION AND THE SECRET CAUCUS.

There is report that when, early in January, the Democratic memberselect of the next House of Representatives meet for caucus, motion will be to permit the press to be represented, northwest section beyond Rock creek. and to do away with all the foolish secrecy that in the past surrounded sacred functions.

It isn't probable that an open caucus will be popular, and a move in the right direction. There ought to be law against any sort of executive ses- FINAL RESULTS OF BRITISH army officer. sions of legislative bodies, whether houses of Congress, State Legislatures. city councils, or committees of legislicity. We want it for affairs of cor- coalition and a mandate to proceed porations, and for the concerns of our with the reform of the house of lords. political committees. Why not have It would be idle for us on this side

So long as the real business of legislation is done in committees—and is so much difference of opinion among everybody knows that the "fine work" has to be done there—all the publicity that can be secured will be usesessions. No committee of Congress ought to be permitted to lock its doors when it sits down with its business. The public may be annoying, and the representatives of the press may be in the way at times. Confidences may be a bit more difficult in the glare of potential publicity; but the truth is that the fewer confidences indulged among legislators in such circumstances the better for the public.

That is why it would be a fine thing If somebody would try to force an open caucus on the Democrats. If the move succeeded, the Republicans would have to be equally frank with the people, and their caucus would be opened. The precedent thus established would spread to other legislative and political bodies, and in no long time the idea of secret legislative performance would be unknown.

Not all deeds done in darkness are necessarily bad; but darkness is always sought as a cover to those that are bad. The proportion of dark deeds will be reduced just about as the supply of darkness is cut off.

Let the Democrats turn on the light. They could do few things which would be more calculated to command the country's confidence.

from a reader who wants to know why would strengthen the hands of the Arcade-Skating, afternoon and even he has to pay \$1 per thousand cubic liberals to carry out the remainder of feet for his gas when the price of gas their program. in the District is supposed to be One phase of the "peaceful revolutions maptal

The Times reader is simply up be assured. against it. He is a patron of the Georgetown Gas Light Companythrough no fault of his own-and, unfortunately, the legal rate for that company is the rate shown on his bill.

The last annual report of the Georgetown company shows that it has a capital stock of \$150,000, divided tion of Christmas presents will begin into 6,000 shares of \$25 each. Its list about Monday or Tuesday. into 6,000 shares of \$25 each. Its list of stockholders shows that 3,530 of these 6 (a) shares are held by the Washington Gas Light Company. far as the consumer is concerned, there is no difference between the companies

except in their rates.

The statutory gas rates for the District were fixed in 1896, and the Georgetown company was allowed a higher rate because it was a smaller company, the theory being that a com pany manufacturing and selling large quantity of gas could make fair profit on a rate lower than that of a company manufacturing and selling a small quantity. Last year the Georgetown company sold 93,208,96+ cubic feet. The Washington Gas Light Company sold 2.054 735 471 feet. The Georgetown company's gross receipts were \$129,311.55. The Washington company's gross receipts were \$2.085.

The statutory rate for the Washington Company is \$1 flat, but the desistent that the company has been forced to cut the price to 90 cents. and has promised to lop off another nickel after January 1, although under no legal obligation to do so.

The Times reader who complains of his rate lives in the theoretical territory of the Georgetown company, although he is actually closer to the plant of the Washington company.

The operations of the Georgetown mpany are confined by statute to at the rate of 30 cents a month or 7 "that part of the District of Columbia Maurice H. Thacher, civil governor of teents a week. Send postal or telephone formerly known as Georgetown." The practice of the interests that control town company serve that part of the give a reception. After a reasonable District west of Rock creek and the length of time had elapsed without a District east of Rock creek. This propriety of throwing his house open throws to the Georgetown companyto the higher-rate company, those residents of the District living in the rapidly developing territory in the there shall be no smoking.

patron who sent his bill to The Times, down here think no more of drinking and smoking than you think of going and for his hundreds of neighbors, is to Sunday school in Kentucky."

The corneal to Compress for a reduction "I cannot help that," answered an appeal to Congress for a reduction will be permitted, but a fight for it in the legal rate of the Georgetown

# ELECTIONS.

The British elections have resulted these folks down here would rather This is a day of pub- in a clear majority for the government of the water to speculate on the precise plans for the future, since there those who are in the thick of the fight.

The proposition on which the government appealed to the country was less unless it reaches to committee "to substitute for the house of lords chamber on a popular instead of hereditary basis." But until such substiposed that the lords be "denied the power of rejecting or amending a

> The speaker of the house was to decide whether a measure came within any of the enumerated categories which were declared to constitute a money bill. When any measure other than a money bill has passed the commons in three successive sessions it shall become law, notwithstanding its rejection or amendment by the lords, provided that at least two years.
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> Mann gets on the job.
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> When it becomes apparent at the parliamentary tangle is a difficult one, and may cause some searching into old records, it is up to Mann to see that the dilemma of the Speaker does not become apparent to the House.
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> "Mr. Speaker," says the floor lieutenant, when he gets word via the Speaker's messenger that some time must be killed.
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highly probable that the peers will yield without forcing the King to create 500 liberal peers, but it is still more probable that in the meantime another conference may be called in the hope of working out some com

The election has given a mandate Columbia-"The Havoc," 8:15 p. m. for some kind of Irish home rule, and Chase's—Polite vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 GEORGETOWN GAS PATRONS
balance of power, are in high feather.

ARE HELPLESS.

the Irish nationalists, holding and evening.

Academy—"The Stampede," 8:15 p. m.

Gayety—"Singer's Serenaders," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

Lyceum—Billy Watson's Show, 2:15 and ever, in favor of election reform and Lyceum-Billy Watso The Times has received an inquiry the abolition of plural voting, which Majest

ents. He sends us a receipted bill, tion" is over, and when the new parlia showing his rate to be \$1.25, with a ment assembles in February the work liscount of 25 cents per thousand if of regeneration will begin. That it the bill is paid by 10th of the month. | will be followed by further conflict may

> At the same time, the fellow who waits till she gets under the mistletoe asea heart smasher.

For an outbreak that has been co ely stamped out, the Mexican revo

The movement for the physical valua-Major Sylvester, in the meantime, still hoping to find Dorsey Foultz in his

stocking Sunday morning. The water wagon driver is beginning to hitching up.

Dr. Cook is about to put the con back theory to the severest test it has

make a firm resolution to be early nex

## Capital Tales

Farming Experts.

ly know more intimately the farm of the South than any other men in the country are Dr. S. A. Knapp, in charge of demonstration farm work in ne South for the Department of Agriculture, and his son, Bradford Knapp, is his assistant.

Mr. Knapp lately came to Washing-on from lowa to assist his father, but he knows Southern farming, having Knapps are teaching the Southern farmers how to grow corn, because, they say, cheap corn means cheap meat 'We found we couldn't get the old men to change their ways of raising corn," said Dr. Knapp, "so we tackled the boys. And when the old man sees the boy raising several times as many round all right.

### Morals In Panama.

Natives of Panama are being taugh that Americans citizens are abstemious, according to stories brought back to this country by members of Congress who recently visited the Isthmus.

When Mr. Thacher went to Panama seven or eight months ago Ameri- Princeton Musicians can officials and the Panama of Get Hearty Welcome. ficials waited patiently for him to sign of a reception some of Thacher's friends went to him and suggested the which was unwished to the which was program ome evening and entertaining his

"All right," said Mr. Thacher, "but want it understood that no liquor shall be served on my premises and

"But, my dear fellow." protested the Americans, "you misunderstand. This The only relief in sight for the gas is a tropical country. These people Thacher. "I do not believe in drinking and I do not believe in smoking.

Therefore we shall have none of it in "I suppose we can blu?" the thing through without liquor of any kind, although we ought to have a mild sort of punch. But, man alive,

# Floor Lieutenant Mann.

gress from the Second Illinois district oor lieutenant of Speaker Cannon. It is probable that few people realize just what Mann does on the floor to win that title, and even the crosual observer in the gallery would know when he was working at his job of lieutenant. Part of the job consists of objecting to measures which do not meet with the approval of the Republican organization.

One of the most unique features of the lob, however, consists of talking against time. Since the rules were amended at he last session of Congress even Asher Hinds, the parliamentary expert at the Speaker's desk, has some difficulty supolying the Speaker with rulings and bat. It is in such emergencies that

have elapsed between the introduction of the bill and the date on which it passes the house for the third time.

This is the measure which the country has undoubtedly indersed. It is the measure which the country has undoubtedly indersed. It is the measure which the country has undoubtedly indersed. It is the measure which the country has undoubtedly indersed. It is prepared to rule on the point of order. Then, and not until then, does on the country has undoubtedly indersed.

### What's on the Program in Washington Today

Amusements.

National-"Bachelor Belles," 8:15 p. m.

(The Times will be pleased to an-counce meetings and entertainments in his column. Phone or write announce-

# Washington Society Gives Welcome This Afternoon To Miss Hazel V. Cox and Miss Edna Tayloe Snyder

### Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Cox Will Present Daughter at Tea at Family Home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Cox are giving large tea this afternoon from 5 to 7 clock to present their daughter, Miss Cox. The old family residence on I street will be effectively ecorated for the occasion with quantities of Christmas greens and red roses. Cox and Miss Cox will be as sisted by Mrs. S. S. Henkle and Aiss Emery, aunts of the debutante; Mrs. J. M. Green, Mrs. William Shryock, and Mrs. A. V. Munn, of Montclair, N. J. Those assisting will be Miss Louise Robertson, Miss Mildred Bacon, Miss Marion Edmonston King, Miss Ida Norment Smith, Miss Frances Thorn Miss Catherine Birney, Miss Ruth Lar ner, Miss Alice Wright, Miss Marion True, Miss Irls Masters, and Miss Mary Page 1

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Russell entertained a party at bridge last evening.

Miss Sallie Williams, daughter of Senator-elect John Sharpe Williams of Mississippi, will spend the Christmas holidays with her cousin, Mrs. D. J. Gantt, of 3532 Eleventh street northwest

### Mrs. Beekman Winthrop Entertains Navy Women

Mrs. Beekman Winthrop, wife of the assistant Secretary of the Navy, enterained at a small luncheon today, hav ng as her guests an interesting co terie of navy women. In the party were Mrs. Charles T. Hutchins, wife of Rear Admira Hutchins, U. S. N.; Mrs Edward Qualtrough, wife of Commodore Qualtrough, U. S. N.: Mrs. Waiter Mc Mrs. Fechtler, wife of Captain Fechtler U. S. N.; Mrs. C. C. Marsh, wife o Commander Marsh, U. S. N.; Mrs. Ros mander Marsh, U. S. N.; Mrs. 1008.
2. Budmer, wife of Lieutenant Comder Gherardi, U. S. N.
2. and Mrs. Winthrop are leaving the tomorrow to spend Christmas with Winthrop's mother, Mrs. Rober fr. Winthrop's mother, Mrs. Rober Vinthrop, in New York. They will re arn to Washington Tuesday, Mrs Vinthrop will not receive tomorrow, in pursequence.

Princeton University Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Club at its concert at the New which was unusually interesting, was followed by an informal dance, attended by a large contingent of the younger set. The patronesses of the occasion were Mrs. George Whitfield Brown, Mrs. Charles Russell Train, Mrs. William M. Irwin, Mrs. Myron M. Parker, Mrs. Victor Kauffmann, Mrs. Thomas Noves, Mrs. John Wilkins, Mrs. Henry E. Davis, Mrs. John Wilkins, Mrs. Henry Clay Stewart, Mrs. John Tileston Granger, Mrs. Dualne Fox, Mrs. Z. T. Sowers, Mrs. William A. Mearnes, Mrs. John C. Simpson, Mrs. William Flather, Mrs. George T. Dunlop, Mrs. Myron B. Wright, Mrs. Alexander Britton, Mrs. Robert Craig, Mrs. H. Bradley Davidson, Mrs. Edmand Brady, Mrs. W. B. Bryan, Mrs. J. M. Clapp, Mrs. H. C. Metzerott, and Mrs. Alexander P. Morse.

The rector of Christ Church, Mrs. A. followed by an informal dance, attend

#### Miss Newberry Departs To Join Her Parents.

Miss Carol Newberry, daughter of the ormer Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry, left Washington today to mas, after an extended visit to the

Misses Murray, daughters of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Arthur Murray, U. S. A.
Lieutenant Colonel James, military attache of the British embassy, has gone to Boston and the vicinity for a will arrive in Washington, shortly the former's return in about a for and early in February Colonel and early in February Colonel James will sail to ioin his family, who have already preceded him to their house in England.

and Mrs. William Coreoran Hill were among the dinner hosts of last evening. Senator Joseph W. Bailey and Mrs

Senator Joseph W. Bailey and Mrs. Ralley entertained a company of young people at informal danding last evening at Rauscher's, for their youngest son, Joseph W. Bailey, ir., who is spending his vacation with his parents.

Later in the holidays they will have a house party of young people for their son and his classmate, Mr. Golding, of Lawrenceville. N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Downing announce Vera Downing, to William W. Finley son of William W. Finley, president of the Southern Railroad, and Mrs. Fin

in Baltimore.

The engagement of Miss Downing and Mr. Finley was announced last spring and the wedding would have taken place this fall or early this winter but for mourning in the bride's family.

Representative and Mrs. Swager Sherley have gone to New York to spend the holidays with Mrs. Sherley's mother, Mrs. Critten, at her home on Staten Island.

Representative and Mrs Richard Wayne Parker are spending Christmas in Savannah, Ga., with Mrs. Parker's father, Gen. W. W. Gordon, accompanied by the Misses Parker and Master Cortiand Parker. They will return to Washington for Christmas week.

General Gordon is entertaining a family party for the holidays, his guests including in addition to Representative and Mrs. Parker, another son-in-law and daughter, the Hon. Roland Leigh and daughter, the Hon. Roland Leigh Mrs. Leigh, and their children, of and, and another daughter, Mrs. Will-

Edward Randolph Heyl, of Princet has arrived in Washington to spend the holide's with his father and sisters, Col. Crarles H. Heyl, U. S. A., and the Misses Heyl.

Miss Caughy, who has been the house guest of Miss Elizabeth Reeside for the last several days, left Washington yesterday for Richmond, where she will remain until after the holidays. Miss Caughy will be the guest of Miss Reeside in January.



MISS HAZEL V. COX, Debutante Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Cox, Who Will Be Fresented This Afternoon

you a question.

I would have done little else."

of citizens all over the city. No nonsense now."

Andrew and Imogene

By Roe Fulkerson ,

my hand every time you have asked me a question since we were married

this domestic sketch. You have an opinion on every subject on earth

and are a sort of general know-it-all. Now, I want you to tell me in as

the Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, and these organizations

"Well, be that as it may," she said. "You pose as the wise end of

NDREW," said Imogene, "lay down your paper. 'I want to ask

"Lovey dove," he replied, "if I had laid down what I had in

cial side of the city."

thousand, I believe."

the Government."

getting at?"

the committee rooms with delegations in the interest of the clerks when the clerks spend their money with them? Why don't Past Worthy Grand

Patron Gude, Noble Captain Oyster, President General Harries, Past State

titles, when your only ability seems to be in presiding over banquets.

You make me think of the animals on the farm down home. When we

put a bell on one of the flock the rest followed the tinkling with blind faith: so also, you men hang a title of Most Pulssant Grand Something-or-

other to a butcher, baker, or candlestick maker and then the whole crowd

follow him with blind faith regardless of whether he is a real leader or not!

You follow the noise he makes. My mind may be feminine and the feminine

mind may be obtuse, but I would like to know why you folks don't get

in and do something to push the interests of the people whose money is

president of the Chamber of Commerce." Andrew asked the question

the limelight enough. All he does is work. I noticed when they put him on this milk committee that all he did was get busy. He didn't get his

picture in the paper. He wasn't interviewed nor anything of that sort, but

I also notice that there has been a milk bill introduced in Congress.

That man is never going to be popular in civic circles, because he does

things! He's got a wrong idea of the game; he should quit work and

go to talking. He should cultivate the friendship of the local public

"There, there, dear." Andrew interrupted. "Don't get peevish; he may

"Why didn't you mention Louis Willige? He's a candidate for vice

"I didn't include him because he has no title. He doesn't keep in

stand if I explained it. Women cannot grasp these things."

real estate, and paid out in amusements here in the city.

dollars a year. Why don't you get busy?

keeping you alive."

service corporations; he should-"

be elected in spite of these handicapel"

are in the city.'

"Very well. Now, tell me how many Government employes there

"Honey," he said, curiously, "your

There are about thirty

mind hops around like a lame grass-



MISS EDNA TAYLOE SNYDER, Daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. William Tayloe Snyder, Who Makes Her Debut Today.

## Mrs. Tom A. Williams will not be as President and Mrs. Taft Attend Play at Columbia

her daughter, Miss Frances Thorn, was among the debutantes of last

Home of Mrs. Francis A.

Roe to Be Scene of Miss

Snyder's Debut.

Miss Edna Tayloe Snyder, daughter of

he Rev. and Mrs. William Tayloe Sny-

der, will make her debut this afternoon

at a large tea at 5 o'clock, at the home

of her great-aunt. Mrs. Francis A. Roe,

The house will be effectively decorated

with Christmas greens and flowers for

Mrs. Roe and Mrs. Snyder will receive

with the debutante, who will wear a dainty frock of white messaline trimmed

with maralou and crystal and a crim-

on girdle. Her bouquet will be a huge

cluster of crimson carnations.

Mrs. Charles Chaille-Long, aunt of the

ebutante and Miss Berry will preside

Assisting will be Miss Snyder, Miss Faith Snyder, Miss Ellen Fillebrown,

Miss Nancy Jones, Miss Emily Ross, Miss Helen Williams, Miss Dorothy

Mrs. Charles G. Thorn will entertain

at an informal dance at her residence, on Biltmore street, December 28, for

Brooks, and Miss Helena Smith

on Seventeenth street.

at the tea table.

The President and Mrs. Taft attended the performance of Henry Miller in "The Havoc" at the Columbia Theater last evening. In their party were Miss Helen Taft, Captain Butt, U. S. A., and Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Westcott had a company of young people dining with them last night to meet Miss Helen

Robert Taft arrived at the White

House this morning to spend the Chistmas holidays with his parents. The Secretary of State and Mrs. Knox, accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Knox, and Hugh Knox, will spend (Phylerberg at help country place at

Christmas at their country place at Valley Forge, Pa. The Secretary of Interior and Mrs Ballinger have gone to Virginia for the Christinas holidays.

Mrs. Herbert L. Robbins, of New York, is spending several days in the

Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Eliis have purchased the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Marlatt, at Massachusetts avenue and Fifteenth street, and will take possession upon the completion of extensive repairs. few words as possible what is the object—the excuse for existence—of

### "Why, me dear, that's easy," he replied. "They are to promote the good of the citizens. You see we have no vote here, consequently we have no board of aldermen or anything of that nature, and it is organizations of this description which go before Congress with our needs The two great organizations you mention are intended particularly to promote the welfare of the commer

Happy Old Saint and St. Nicholas Girl Will Greet Children.

"Never mind my mind, but mind your own," she said. "Now, tell me o'clock Saturday morning and form into how much money they get here from line-very orderly, you know, and be quiet, if you can, too-and then prepare "Thirty-one million dollars a year, for the great event of the year.

I believe, or if you include the Oh, it'll be a great occasion! The St Nicholas Girl guarantees that. You've Congressional and court outfit, been diligent in requesting your patron thirty-six millions. What are you and saint, Santa Claus, to provide you with certain little things, dear to your heart, at this time of the year-or any "Why, I was just thinking that if this Cary bill passed the House, addother old time, as far as that is con-cerned—and he has commissioned the ing 25 per cent to the salaries of the clerks it would add over \$7,000,000 a year to the money spent in the stores, deposited in the banks, invested in St. Nicholas Girl to look out for you She'll do her best. You can be assured "Now, it seems to me that you men who are so wise and who take such of that. She has the wants and needs and happiness of the little ones at heart, a hand in the commercial welfare of the city ought to be doing something and she will tell Uncle Santa all about to help these clerks get this raise if it was nothing more than pass a it. Don't worry; she'll do her best.

Committee There to Help.

"You are supposed to be the composite of all that is wise and far-And in order that her work and that of Santa Claus shall be done properly seeing. You spend money going out of the city to get conventions which nd under the best auspices, there will will come here and spend a few meager thousands and go away forever. be a committee of interested persons on You printed up enough paper to paper the world on the general topic of and to witness the events of the day. here will be plenty of light and warmth nd good cheer. Santa Claus and the St. Greater Washington a few years ago with the idea of getting some factories Nicholas Girl will be surrounded by the following persons of public spirit and charity, who will see to it that everyhere when there is not a factory in the country paying out seven million "Why are not these men doing something? Why haven't they filled

ming goes well: Isaac Gans, Judge De Lacey, of the uvenile court; William F. Gude, D. J. 'allahan, Thomas Grant, Mrs. Cuno H. Ludolph, Mrs. A. Lisner, and Mrs. Wal-

Rudolph, Mrs. A. Lisner, and Mrs. Walter McLean.
In addition, members of the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, of which Mrs. Isaac Gans is chairman, will be there to witness the proceedings and participate in the doings of the day.

The distribution will continue throughout the day. There will be no intermission, and as long as the children stand in line and the toys last there will be something doing every minute. Deputy Dan Cailahan, and all these gentlemen of high-sounding titles get "Imogene, don't excite yourself!" he cautioned. "You wouldn't under-"No," she replied, with heat; "we cannot understand why you men

n line and the toys last there will be ometking doing every minute. Major Sylvester, chief of police, has sindly consented to assign three policemen to perform duty during the day. The three big guardians will stand by und see that all's well. Don't worry; her'll smile. Their mission will be one have a bureau drawer full of badges and medals labeling you with big terest and expectant happiness as the children of Washington.

I am going to be good. I would like to have a doll's go-cart, and I want a story book and a roll-top desk and a ammock. I want a pair of stockings, hammock. I want a pair of stockings, and I want a doll dressed in long clothes. I want a good composition book. I want my stockings filled with candy and nuts, and I want apples and oranges. Good-bye, Dear Santa Claus. I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the second grade. My brother is in the second grade. He wants a story book too. He wants a pair of boots and a pair of gloves.

My name is

CATHERINE BURGESS

Virginia Official Dead. RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 23.-Arrange of Col. Morton Marye, State auditor of public accounts, who died at his home here yesterday after an illness of several weeks from rheumatism.

ame is CATHERINE BURGESS 124 C street southw